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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

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As a below named inventor, I declare that:

1. I am a citizen of United States, now residing at Crystal, Minnesota.
2. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,294,995, issued September 25, 2001, and in this reissue application. I believe that I am also the original, first and sole inventor of the invention described in provisional patent application No. 60/124,413 filed on March 15, 1999, which is incorporated by reference in U.S. Patent No. 6,294,995 and from which U.S. Patent No. 6,294,995 claims priority.
3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.
4. I believe U.S. Patent No. 6,294,995 is partly inoperative by reason that I claimed less than I had a right to claim in the patent. Specifically, the scope of the claims originally filed were overly narrow and included elements that did not fully define the intended scope of the invention.
5. The following errors render U.S. Patent No. 6,294,995 at least partly inoperative by reason that I claimed less than I had a right to claim in the patent. At least one error on which this reissue is based is presented below.

- a) Independent claim 1 (as originally filed and as issued in the patent) included the phrase "an interrupt vector" in the preamble, which may be interpreted to render the claim overly narrow.
- b) Independent claim 1 (as originally filed and as issued in the patent) included the element "causing an interrupt to occur within said portable computer", which renders the claim overly narrow.
- c) Independent claim 1 (as originally filed and as issued in the patent) included the element "said interrupt causing branching control to a fixed address in said interrupt vector following said detecting", which renders the claim overly narrow.
- d) Independent claim 19 (as originally filed and as issued in the patent) included the elements "a status location indicating foldable closing of said cover against said body" and "an instruction segment" in the preamble, which may be interpreted to render the claim overly narrow.
- e) Independent claim 19 (as originally filed and as issued in the patent) included the element "polling said status location to detect said foldable closing of said cover against said main computer body", which renders the claim overly narrow.
- f) Independent claim 19 (as originally filed and as issued in the patent) included the element "said instruction segment generating said audible alarm", which renders the claim overly narrow.
- g) Each of dependent claims 3-18 and 21-26 (as originally filed and as issued in the patent) depended from the preceding dependent claim in sequence (e.g. claim 3 depends from claim 2; claim 4 depends from claim 3; claim 5 depends from claim 4; and so on), thereby rendering dependent claims 3-18 and 21-26 overly narrow.

6. All errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing of this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

7. I have reviewed the Amendment filed May 2, 2006 and the Supplemental Amendment filed June 20, 2006 in this Reissue application.


8. The errors of the U.S. Patent No. 6,294,995 are addressed with the addition of new claims 27-43, as added through a preliminary amendment, pursuant to M.P.E.P. §1.411 and 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b), and as amended in the Amendment filed May 2, 2006 and the Supplemental Amendment filed June 20, 2006.

9. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

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